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1. ON APRIL 22, THE SWEDISH MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ISSUED A JOINT SWEDISH-SOVIET PRESS COMMUNIQUE ON THE DIS-
CUSSIONS WHICH HAD BEEN HELD IN STOCKHOLM BETWEEN A SOVIET
AND A SWEDISH DELEGATION RELATING TO FISHERIES IN THE BALTIC
SEA. THESE DISCUSSIONS, WHICH LASTED FROM APRIL 18 TO APRIL
22, TOOK PLACE ON THE INITIATIVE OF SWEDEN WHICH HAD EARLIER
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ANNOUNCED PLANS TO EXTEND ITS FISHING LIMITS (SEE REFTEL).

2. THE COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT BOTH DELEGATIONS PRESENTED
THEIR VIEWS ON THE CHANGED CONDITIONS FOR BALTIC SEA FISHERIES
AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF SWEDEN'S INTENTION TO EXTEND ITS
FISHING LIMITS BEYOND THE 12 NAUTICAL MILES PRESENTLY IN FORCE.
THE DISCUSSIONS ALSO TOUCHED UPON THE CONTINUED REGIONAL

COOPERATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GDANSK CONVENTION
CONCERNING FISHERIES AND THE CONSERVATION OF LIVING RESOURCES
IN THE BALTIC SEA AND THE BELTS.

3. BOTH DELEGATIONS WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN SWEDEN AND THE SOVIET UNION ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL
INTEREST IN THE SPHERE OF BALTIC SEA FISHERIES SHOULD BE
RESUMED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND THAT QUESTIONS RELATING
TO CONTINUED REGIONAL COOPERATION SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITHIN
THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GDANSK CONVENTION.

4. ACCORDING TO SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS, THE SOVIET UNION STANDS
BY ITS OFT-EXPRESSED VIEW THAT NO STATE BORDERING ON THE BALTIC
SEA SHOULD EXTEND ITS FISHING LIMITS BEYOND THOSE STIPULATED
IN THE GDANSK CONVENTION, WHICH ALSO ESTABLISHES FISHING
QUOTAS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL STATES, SIZE OF MESH OF FISHING
NETS, AND OTHER CONDITIONS FOR FISHING.

5. DISPUTE THE SOVIET UNION'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD AN
EXTENSION OF SWEDEN'S FISHING LIMITS, THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT
RECENTLY SUBMITTED TO THE RIKSDAG A BILL REQUESTING AUTHORITY
TO EXTEND THE NATION'S FISHING ZONE. HANS DANIELIUS, SWEDEN'S
CHIEF DELEGATE AT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED SWEDISH-SOVIET
DISCUSSIONS, STATED THE BILL WILL BE TABLED FOR RIKSDAG
CONSIDERATION LATE IN MAY. FOLLOWING RIKSDAG PASSAGE OF THE
BILL, HANS DANIELIUS STATED IT WAS CONCEIVABLE--IF SWEDEN
SHOULD FAIL BY THEN TO HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET
UNION--THAT A UNILATERAL DECISION MAY HAVE TO BE MADE ON AN
EXTENSION OF SWEDEN'S FISHING LIMITS IN THE BALTIC SEA, WITH
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EXCEPTIONS BEING ALLOWED FOR DISPUTED AREAS--THAT IS, THOSE
PARTS OF THE BALTIC SEA WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THE SOVIET UNION
HITHERTO HAS STRONGLY OPPOSED ANY SWEDISH EXTENSION OF FISHING
LIMITS.
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